

REMARKS

Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are all the claims pending in the present application, claims 1-10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, and 22 having been canceled as indicated herein. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 20 is allowed.

As indicated herein, the rejected claims 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 are canceled, and claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 have been amended into independent form. Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner allow this case.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

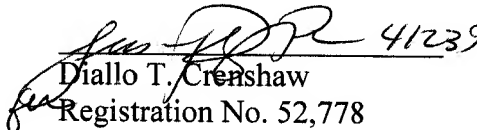
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